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SUBJECT: GIEREK VISIT

1. POS HAS RECEIVED A TELEX FROM MR KULA, DIRECTOR OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONSSERVICE DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS, WHICH COMPLAINS ABOUT NON-RECEIPT OF TV AND RADIO TRANSMISSIONS FROM THE UNITED STATES ORDERED FROM AT&T IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GIEREK VISIT.

2. IN A TELCON WITH KULA, THE AIO WAS INFORMED THAT SEVERAL TRANSMISSIONS ORDERED BY THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY FROM AT&T IN NEW YORK WERE NOT RECEIVED, DESPITE ASSURANCES FROM AT&T DIRECTOR FOR EUROPE, MR COOPER AND HIS ASSISTANT, MR PETRONI. AT&T, ACCORDING TO KULA, HAS NOT RESPONDED TO TELEXES (SENT BY KULA) REQUESTING AN EXPLANATION. KULA WAS ESPECIALLY PERTURBED BY THE LACK OF A VOICE COMMENTARY IN THE OCT 8 TELEVISION TRANSMISSION OF THE WHITE HOUSE LAWN CEREMONIES, AND BY THE VERY SPORADIC RECEIPT OF RADIO TRANSMISSIONS.

3. THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR WAS SIMILARLY INFORMED BY A TECHNICIAN FROM POLISH TV, MR NIKOLAJEV, WHO
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CLAIMED THAT DESPITE AT&T ASSURANCES OF THE

SCHEDULED FEEDS, LAST-MINUTE PROBLEMS FORCED A CANCELLATION OF THE FEEDS.

4. NIKOLAJEV RECEIVED NOTIFICATION FROM KRAJEWSKI THAT AT&T WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE FURNETT COULD NOT GUARANTEE FEEDS FROM PITTSBURG AND HOUSTON. THE REASON WAS ATTRIBUTED BY FURNETT TO PROBLEMS WITH FACILITIES IN FRANKFURT, GERMANY. NIKOLAJEV SAID THAT NO PROBLEMS HAVE EVER BEEN EXPERIENCED WITH FRANKFURT, ONLY BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND WARSAW.

5. SPECIFICALLY, NIKOLAJEV REPORTS THAT NO CONNECTIONS WERE MADE AT ALL, OCTOBER 5 AND 6; THAT THERE WERE NO PROBLEMS ON OCTOBER 5 AND 6; THAT THERE WERE NO PROBLEMS ON OCT 7; AND THAT SOUND AND PICTURE WERE RECEIVED OCTOBER 8(WHITE HOUSE CEREMONY) BUT WITHOUT THE EXPECTED COMMENTARY.

6. BOTH KULA AND NIKOLAJEV AGREE THAT AT&T OFFICIALS IN NEW YORK TRY TO BE COOPERATIVE, BUT THAT THE WORKING-LEVEL PERFORMANCE IN WASHINGTON HAS NOT BEEN ACCEPTABLE.

7. AIO AND POLITICAL COUNSELOR INFORMED KULA AND NIKOLAJEV THAT AT&T IS A PRIVATE COMPANY AND NOT A GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY, BUT THAT WE WOULD INFORM WASHINGTON OF THE PROBLEM.

8. POST SUGGEST STATE DEPARTMENT TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT AS A POSSIBLE MEANS OF CONTACT WITH AT&TM

9. PLEASE ADVISE.
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